

REMARKS

Cancel claims 1-2 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claims 3-10 currently appear in this application. The Advisory Action of February 2, 2004, has been carefully studied. These claims define novel and unobvious subject matter under Sections 102 and 103 of 35 U.S.C., and therefore should be allowed. Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration, entry of the present amendment, and formal allowance of the claims.

Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested, as the amendments to the claims have now placed the claims into condition for allowance.

Claim Objections

Claims 3, 4 and 6 are objected to because of self-evident typographical errors or omissions. Accordingly, claims 3, 4, and 6 have been amended in accordance with the Examiner's helpful suggestions.

Art Rejections

Claims 3-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 (b) as being anticipated by Kiyoshi.

This rejection is respectfully traversed. Kiyoshi discloses (paragraph 0028) that the steel sheet includes up to

0.1% tin, i.e., "To the improvement of homogeneity in degreasing sake the above-mentioned Fe-in addition to rationalization of rich oxide-film thickness, a convention of the amount of Sn in an alloy is effective. If Sn is in this alloy, although it is the impurity element mixed from scrap of an... ..a rich oxide film is promoted." That is, tin is added to the iron-nickel alloy sheet of Kiyoshi in order to improve homogeneously degreasing.

The present invention relates to a material for an aperture grill for a color picture tube made of a low carbon steel sheet containing 9 to 30 wt% of Ni and 0.1 to 5 wt% of Co. The low carbon steel sheet of the present invention does not contain tin. The claims have been amended to recite that the low carbon steel sheet "consists of" 9 to 30 wt% nickel and 0.1 to 5% Co. Therefore, the composition of the iron-nickel alloy sheet in the present invention differs from that of Kiyoshi et al.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the claims are now in condition for allowance, and favorable action thereon is earnestly solicited.

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